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A TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

Fire Broke Out in a Chicago Theater and Over 700 Persons Killed in a Panic.

Dead Bodies Were Piled Four and Five Feet in Depth at the Foot of the Stairways.

EXPLOSION FOLLOWED THE FIRE.

Scores of Persons Discovered in the Aisles With Their Faces Completely Trampled Off.

The Corpses Hauled Away From the Play House Piled on Wagons Like Cords of Wood.

Some of the Audience Were Suffocated By Escaping Gas While Sitting in Their Seats—Hundreds Injured; Scores Will Die.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Hundreds of people were killed in ten minutes Wednesday afternoon during a fire in the Iroquois theater, the newest, the largest, and as far as human power could make it, the safest theater in Chicago.

Coroner Traeger at 7:45 p. m. reported by actual count 736 dead. The coroner has been notified that there is now 422 bodies at the different morgues and hospitals. All have not been heard from yet, as a number of bodies were taken to undertakers in different parts of the city.

At 9:30 p. m. it was declared by the police that 637 bodies have been taken from the ruins. A few of these people were burned to death by fire, many were suffocated by gas, and scores were trampled to death in the panic that followed the mad plunge of the frightened audience for the exits. It will be many hours before the number of dead is accurately known, and many days before all of them will be identified. There were bodies lying by the dozens Wednesday night in the undertaking rooms, in the police stations, and in the hospitals from which nearly everything that could reveal their identity to those who knew them best is gone. Their clothing is torn to rags or burned to cinders and their faces have been trampled into an unrecognizable pulp by the heels of the crowd that trampled them down as they fled for safety.

The Actors Escaped.

The fire broke out during the second act of the play "Mr. Bluebeard," which was the first dramatic production given in the theater since its erection. The company, which was very large, escaped to the street in safety, nearly all of them, however, being compelled to flee into the snowy streets with no clothing but their stage costumes. A few members of the company sustained minor injuries but none were seriously hurt.

The accounts of the origin of the fire are conflicting and none of them certain, but the best reason given is that an electric wire near the lower part of a piece of drop scenery suddenly broke and was grounded. The fire spread rapidly toward the front of the stage, causing the members of the chorus, who were then engaged in the performance, to flee to the wings with screams of terror. The fire in itself up to this time was not serious and possibly could have been checked had not the asbestos curtain failed to work. As soon as the fire was discovered Eddie Foy, the chief comedian of the company, shouted to lower the curtain, and this was immediately done. It descended about half way and then stuck.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

Entire Roof of the Theater Lifted From the Walls.

The fire thus was given practically a free through which a strong draft was setting, aided by the doors which had been thrown open in the front of the theater. With a roar and a bound the flames shot through the opening over the heads of the people on the first floor and reaching clear up to those in the first balcony, caught them and burned them to death where they sat. Immediately following this rush of flames there came an explosion which lifted the entire roof of the theater from its walls, shattering the great skylight into fragments. As soon as the flames first appeared beyond the curtain a man in the rear of the hall shouted "Fire! Fire!" and the entire audience rose as one person and made for the doors. It is believed that the explosion was caused by the flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theater, causing them to burst. Will J. Davis, manager of the

theater, said after the catastrophe that if the people had remained in their seats and had not been excited by the cry of fire, not a single life would have been lost. This is, however, contradicted by the statements of the firemen, who found numbers of people sitting in their seats, their faces directed toward the stage as if the performance was still going on.

People Suffocated in Their Seats.

It was the opinion of the firemen that these people had been suffocated at once by the flow of gas which came from behind the asbestos curtain.

As near as can be ascertained at the present time about 1,300 people were in the theater. Three hundred of these were on the first floor, the balance being in the upper balconies and in the hallways back of them.

The theater is modeled after the Opera Comique in Paris and from the rear of each balcony there are three doors leading out to passageways towards the front of the theater. Two of these doorways are at the end of the balcony and one being in the center. The audience in its rush for the outer air seems to have, for the greater part, chosen to flee to the left entrance and to attempt to make its way down the eastern stairway leading into the lobby of the theater. Outside of the people burned and suffocated by gas, it was in these two doorways on the first and second balconies that the greatest loss of life occurred. When the firemen entered the building the dead were found stretched in a pile reaching from the head of the stairway at least eight feet from the door back to a point about five feet in the rear of the door.

MASSSES OF DEAD BODIES.

In One Passage Way All Corpses Were Women and Children.

This mass of dead bodies in the center of the doorway reached to within two feet of the top of the passageway. All of the corpses at this point were women and children. The fight for life which must have taken place at these two points is something that is simply beyond human power to adequately describe. Only a faint idea of its horror could be derived from the aspect of the bodies as they lay. Women on top of these masses of dead had been overtaken by death as they were crawling on their hands and knees over the bodies of those who had died before. Others lay with arms stretched out in the direction toward which lay life and safety, holding in their hands fragments of garments not their own. They were evidently torn from the clothing of others whom they had endeavored to pull down and trample under foot as they fought for their own lives. As the police removed layer after layer of dead in these doorways, the sight became too much even for police and firemen hardened as they are to such scenes, to endure. The bodies were in such an inextricable mass and so tightly were they jammed between the sides of the door and the walls that it was impossible to lift them one by one and carry them out. The only possible thing to do was to seize a limb or some other portion of the body and pull with main strength.

A Terrible Scene.

Men worked at the task with tears running down their cheeks, and the sobs of the rescuers could be heard even in the hall below, where this awful scene was being enacted. A number of the men were compelled to abandon their task and give it over to others whose nerves had not as yet been shaken by the awful experience. As one by one the bodies were dragged out of the water soaked, blackened mass of corpses, the spectacle became more and more heartrending. There were women whose clothing was torn completely from their bodies above the waist, whose bosoms had been trampled into a pulp and whose faces were marred beyond all power of identification. Bodies lay in the first and second balconies in great numbers. In some places they were piled up in the aisles three and four deep, where one had fallen and other tripped over the prostrate forms, and all had died where they lay, evidently suffocated by the gas. Others were bent over backs of seats where they had been thrown by the rush of people for the doors and killed without hardly a chance to rise from their seats. One man was found with his back bent nearly double, his spinal column having been fractured as he was thrown backward. A woman was found cut nearly in half by the back of the seat, she having been forced over it face downward.

HARROWING IN THE EXTREME.

Scores and Scores of Dead With Their Faces Trampled Off.

In the aisles nearest to the doors the scenes were harrowing in the extreme. Bodies lay in every conceivable attitude, half naked, the look on their faces revealing some portion of the agony which must have preceded their death. There were scores and scores of people whose entire face had been trampled completely off by the

heels of those who rushed over them and in one also the body of a man was found with not a vestige of clothing, flesh or bone remaining above his waistline. The entire upper portion of his body had been cut into mince-meat and carried away by the feet of those who trampled him; a search was carefully made with a hope of finding his head, but at a late hour Wednesday night it had not been discovered and all that will ever tell his friends who he was is the color and appearance of the clothing on the lower limbs, and this is in such a condition as to be hardly recognizable.

The theater has been constructed but a short time and all its equipment was not yet in place. This was unfortunately the case with a fire escape in the rear of the building. The small iron balconies to which the iron ladder was to be attached were up but the ladder had not yet been constructed.

Women Pushed From Fire Escapes.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they emerged from the doorway upon the little iron platform that they were 30 to 35 feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front. In a few moments the iron ledges were jammed with crowds of women who screamed, fought and tore at each other like maniacs. This lasted but a brief interval, and the rush from the interior of the building became so violent that many of them were crowded off and fell to the granite paved alley below. Others leaped from the platform, fracturing legs and arms, and two were picked up at this point with fractured skulls, having been killed instantly. George H. Elliott, secretary of the Ogden Gas Co., was in a building directly opposite from the theater across this alley, and noticing smoke, went down to ascertain its cause. When he reached the street the women were already dropping into the alley and Elliott hurriedly lashed some planks together and threw them across to the affrighted women on the platform with instructions to place the end firmly on the iron framework. Before this could be done a fearful loss of life ensued, the women were being pushed every instant into the alley and by the time the bridge was constructed but few remained to take advantage of it. However, about two dozen, it is believed by Mr. Elliott, made their way across this narrow causeway.

CHICAGO PEOPLE APPALLED.

Next to the Big Fire It is the Greatest Catastrophe in the City.

Rarely in the history of Chicago has its people been so stirred as by the calamity of Wednesday. It is next to the Chicago fire, the greatest catastrophe that has ever occurred here, and the speed with which it came and went seemed for a brief period to appall the business section of the city. The news spread with great rapidity and in a short time hundreds of men, women and children were rushing toward the theater. The building in which the calamity occurred stands midway between State and Dearborn streets on the north side of Randolph street. Although every available policeman within call of the department was immediately hurried to the spot and the men placed in lines at the end of the block, allowing nobody to enter Randolph street from either Dearborn or State, it was found for a time almost impossible to hold back the frenzied crowd that pressed forward, many of them having friends or relatives in the theater and anxious to learn something of them. The conduct of the police was beyond all praise. The officers held their ground firmly and gently pushed back all those who sought to gain an entrance to the theater.

Carrying Out the Dead.

In spite of the efforts of the police, however, a large number of people succeeded in breaking through their lines and entering the theater, and in many cases did heroic work in rescuing the injured and carrying out the dead. Among these was Alderman William H. Thompson, who unaided carried to the street the bodies of eight women. The first newspaper men upon the ground also carried out many of the dead and injured. The building was so full of smoke when the firemen first arrived that the full extent of the catastrophe was not immediately grasped. All the lights in the theater were necessarily out and the only illumination came through the cloud of smoke that hung between the interior of the theater and the street. Word was at once sent to the Orr & Lockett Hardware Co., two doors east of the theater, and that firm at once placed its entire stock of lanterns at the service of the department. Over 200 light were quickly carried into the building and the work of rescue commenced. So rapidly were the bodies brought down that for over an hour there were two streams of men passing in and out of the doorway, the one carrying bodies, the other composed of men returning to get more.

PILES OF CORPSES.

A Line 50 Feet Long and Piled Two and Three Feet High.

Although all the patrol wagons and every ambulance owned by the city were pressed into service, they were utterly inadequate to carry away the dead, and in a short time there was a line of corpses 50 feet long, piled two and three high, on the sidewalk in front of the theater. It was found necessary in order to convey the bodies rapidly to the morgue, and to the various undertaking establishments, to impress trucks into service, and in these, upon costly blankets furnished by the dry goods stores in the vicinity, and covered with the same material, the dead were hauled away practically like so much cord wood. The merchants in the vicinity of the theater rose to the emergency in splendid fashion. Marshall Field & Co., Mandel Bros., Schlesinger & Mayor, Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., and other large dry goods stores sent wagon load after wagon load of blankets, rolls of linen and packages of cotton to be used in binding up the wounds of the injured and to cover the dead.

The Wounded Cared For.

The drug stores furnished their stock to anybody that asked for it in the name of people hurt in the fire. Doctors and trained nurses were on the ground by the score within half an hour after the extent of the calamity was known, and every wounded person who was carried from the building received prompt medical aid. A number of doctors waited at the entrance to the theater with stethoscopes in hand, and as soon as a body which looked as though it might possess life was carried out, it was at once examined, and if dead placed on the pile lying on the sidewalk. The others were at once placed in ambulances and whirled away to hospitals or to the offices of physicians in the immediate neighborhood.

One large truck, ordinarily used for conveying freight to depots, was so heavily loaded with dead in front of the theater that the two large horses

attached to it were unable to start, and the police were compelled to assist by tugging at the wheels. When the need for trucks to remove the dead was more pressing, a huge electric delivery wagon owned by Montgomery Ward & Co. was hauled by the police.

THIEVES AND PICKPOCKETS.

Over a Dozen Persons Were placed Under Arrest.

While scores of men were busy carrying out the dead and injured, others, fortunately few in number, searched the aisles and seats for valuables. Two men were found who had provided themselves with baskets and were filling them with the property of the dead. They were immediately placed under arrest and the theater ushers and stage hands were given the work of collecting all the valuables on the floor of the theater. During the evening the police arrested over a dozen men accused of being thieves and pickpockets.

The Iroquois theater disaster was vastly more destructive to human life than any other playhouse fire in the history of this country. The fire next to it in point of lives lost occurred December 5, 1876, in Conway's Brooklyn theater, Brooklyn, N. Y., where 295 of the audience perished in the flames. The day after Christmas, in 1811, while the play, "The Pleading Nun," was being performed in a theater at Richmond, Va., a fire started that burned 75 persons to death, among them being the governor of the state, George W. Smith. The old world supplies no instances of fires in theaters that may be classed with the three mentioned.

IN LONDON.

Morning Papers Print Editorials on the Chicago Disaster.

London, Dec. 31.—All the morning papers printed editorials on the catastrophe in the Iroquois, saying that it fills the whole world with a feeling of pity and sympathy for the victims, and proves that even the most modern regulations and appliances adopted as a precaution against such accidents are futile when panic seizes an audience.

The Daily Telegraph urges the necessity for the universal adoption of the plan which is already largely employed on the continent of rendering all scenery, gauzes and properties non-inflammable.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 31.—The marriage of Edward Clouse, of Barboursville, Ky., and Miss Olive Worden, of Barnes, was celebrated Wednesday night at the bride's home.

To Remove the Capital.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 31.—The chamber of commerce Wednesday night took steps to secure removal of the capitol of Kentucky from Frankfort to Lexington, Ky.

KENTUCKY FLASHES.

KENTUCKY ELOPERS.

They Slipped Off Quietly to Cincinnati and Were Married.

Cincinnati, Dec. 31.—Daniel Botts, a wholesale liquor dealer of Versailles, Ky., and Miss Daisy Boone, an attractive young woman of Paris, Ky., sought to fool their parents and friends Wednesday by eloping to Cincinnati to get married. Botts registered at the Grand hotel and was given a room, but the young woman did not register. Late in the afternoon they summoned Rev. A. M. Harvuot to the hotel, and in the presence of a few friends the wedding was solemnized. The minister was sworn to secrecy and he declined to give the name of the bride, but one of her friends gave the secret away. He said their only reason for keeping the wedding a secret was to surprise their family and friends when they return home in a few days. The bride is a sister of Prof. Boone, the hypnotist, and he was a witness to the wedding.

FELL FROM ELEVATED TRAIN.

Fred Meyer, Former Covington Man, Dies in Chicago.

Covington, Ky., Dec. 31.—President Robert Welling, of the Riedlin club, received a telegram Wednesday announcing the death of Fred Meyer Wednesday in Chicago. He was severely injured on November 13 by falling from an elevated railroad car. He fell a distance of 30 feet, breaking both legs and injuring his head, which caused his death. He was formerly in business at 915 Main street, Covington, and was a leading member of the Riedlin club.

Appraisers' Report.

Henderson, Ky., Dec. 31.—The appraisers recently appointed to take an inventory of J. D. & E. T. Robards and Robards Tobacco Co., bankrupts, Wednesday filed their report with the trustees as follows: Robards Tobacco Co., \$82,143; E. T. Robards, \$7,730; J. D. Robards, \$80,950; J. D. Robards & Son, \$5,000; property at Owensboro, \$10,000; property at Mt. Eagle, Tenn., \$15,000. Total, \$150,823.

Drowned While Skating.

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 31.—Sydney Swift, aged 14, while out skating on a pond near the Illinois Central depot, was drowned. He was about the center of the pond when the ice gave way, letting him under it. Before he could be summoned he was drowned.

Col. Henry Appointed.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 31.—Col. Jonett Henry received official notification of his appointment by Gov. Beckham as delegate from Kentucky to the Interstate National Guard association, which will be in annual session in February at St. Augustine.

Millmen's Wages Reduced.

Covington, Ky., Dec. 31.—Notice was posted in the Republic Iron & Steel Co.'s mills in Covington that the laborers would have to stand a cut in wages. Men earning \$1.25 a day will be cut 10 per cent.; men at \$1.50 and \$1.75 will be cut 20 per cent.

Insane Patient Dies Suddenly.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 31.—William U. Adams, a patient in the Western Lunatic asylum, from Warren county, died suddenly at that institution of heart trouble, aged about 45 years. The remains were shipped to Bowling Green for burial.

Internal Revenue Receipts.

Covington, Ky., Dec. 31.—The internal revenue office at Covington Wednesday reported the following sales: Beer stamps, \$1,000; spirit stamps, \$1,963.45; cigar stamps, \$29.60; tobacco stamps, \$513.84; total, \$9,507.89.

The Drys Win.

New Castle, Ky., Dec. 31.—After a warm contest on the local option question in the Franklin precinct, the election resulted in favor of the drys by more than two to one. Liquor was sold at only one place in the precinct.

Merchant Drank Acid.

Spottsville, Ky., Dec. 31.—Ed Porter, who conducted a general merchandise store below here on the opposite side of Green river, committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid. He was found in bed suffering intense agony.

Bookkeeper Commits Suicide.

Russellville, Ky., Dec. 31.—Tim Foster, bookkeeper for the Memphis Coal Co., at Island, committed suicide. He shot himself with a pistol. He had been on a spree. He leaves a wife and eight children in this city.

Mrs. Judge Dean Is Dead.

Clinton, Ky., Dec. 31.—Mrs. J. C. Dean, wife of County Judge Dean, died here. Her remains will be taken to her old home in Georgia for interment. Her death is a great shock to her devoted husband.

EVENING BULLETIN.

DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAY.
ROSSER & MCCARTHY,
Proprietors.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1903.

THE WEATHER RECORD.

[For the 24 hours ending at 6:30 a. m.]
State of weather.....Cloudy
Highest temperature.....31
Lowest temperature.....19
Mean temperature.....22
Wind direction.....Northwesterly
Precipitation (inches) rain or snow......00
Previously reported for December.....2.65
Total for December to date.....2.65

River News.

The Cincinnati-Pittsburg packets were not damaged any by the break up at Cincinnati.

The John Mackey left Pittsburg this week for Cincinnati, having been purchased by the Barretts.

The Jim Wood worked down through the ice from Vanceburg to Cincinnati to assist in saving the coal fleets.

Enquirer: 'Garrett S. Wall, of Maysville, in commenting on the great damage done to river craft by the breaking of the ice gorge Sunday night, told of a break he witnessed many years ago, and of the great havoc it wrought along the river. "I was on the Ohio side of the river, near Aberdeen, at the time the gorge broke, and watched with interest and alarm the large cakes of floating ice. Just a short distance from me were a number of empty coal barges, moored to a landing. The ice came down upon them like an avalanche, and in quicker time than it takes to tell the story the front cake ripped a hole in the side of every barge, and the whole gorge followed, doing great damage, but strange to say, that while every barge sank not a rope holding them was broken, and the work was done so quickly and smoothly that the barges hardly drew their ropes taut. It was a remarkable sight, and one which I shall never forget."

George Schneider, on behalf of his son Raymond, filed suit at Newport this week against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad with the city of Newport as co-defendant, to recover \$25,000. It is alleged that Raymond Schneider, on April 23, 1903, was run over by one of company's trains, and so injured that amputation of both legs was necessary. The plaintiff alleges that the railroad company and the city of Newport are both guilty of gross negligence, the former for not putting up safety gates at the street crossing in question and taking other precautions for seeing that lives were not placed in jeopardy, and the city for not compelling the railroad company to install such appliances and take such precautions.

NEW TREATMENT

For Fabrics Will Make Cotton Absolutely Waterproof.

[Saturday Evening Post.]

The recent discovery of a method by which any ordinary cotton cloth can be made as waterproof as sheet tin is regarded as a marked achievement in chemistry.

Subjected to the new treatment the flimsiest of fabrics becomes so impervious to water that if bulged or folded in the shape of a bowl or pocket it will hold water for days without letting a drop escape through its meshes.

The significant process in the new treatment is the liberation of a gas, such as carbonic dioxide, simultaneously with the precipitation upon the fabric of various chemical reagents. The result is that this gas, in a finely divided state, merges with the compound employed and is held fixed in this chemical coating in such a way that water, even under pressure, cannot pass through it.

It is predicted that the new process, which is protected by patent, will work a revolution in the manufacture of waterproof garments, inasmuch as it will enable the people engaged in this industry to turn out a much greater variety of mackintoshes and other rain garments and at a lower cost than is possible in the making of waterproof clothing at present.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Important Decision of Court of Appeals in a Case From Catlettsburg.

In deciding a case taken up from Catlettsburg the Court of Appeals says: Appellant city belongs to the fourth class. Thirty years or more ago certain of its streets had been macadamized, at whose cost is not shown. The improvement was quite deficient. The City Council in 1900 determined to improve these ways by building them of fire-clay paving brick, and to make the cost of the construction a charge against the abutting property.

This suit was brought by appellees obtaining an injunction against the collection of the assessments made by the city against the abutting property to pay the bonds in question. Two grounds were relied on to defeat the city's right to require appellees' property by any sort of tax, to pay for the improvement: First, it is claimed that the work was not original construction, but was reconstruction, which is by statute to be borne by the city, and not by the abutting property, and second, that, viewing it as a debt of the city, it was in excess of the income and revenues provided for that year, and not having been authorized by a two-thirds vote of the taxpayers was therefore in violation of sections 157 and 158 of the Constitution and therefore void.

Paving the streets with fire-clay paving brick was a radical improvement. For aught the record shows the old macadamized roadway was an incomplete and insufficient provision for accommodating the public travel. It was probably more in the nature of a temporary makeshift till such time as the growth, affairs and importance of the municipality would justify its making more permanent and expensive roadway. A macadamized road was taken into a city by the extension of its boundary. Upon the city's directing it to be paved in accordance with a general plan of street improvements it was held that this was original and not reconstruction. This view of the law seems to have been founded upon the idea that, as the abutting property is most benefited by a radical and permanent improvement, it should bear the cost of it; but where it has once done that, reconstruction in the nature resembling repairs should be borne by the entire municipality. Until the abutting property has once been compelled to bear this burden, it has not constructed originally the street, which, in justice to all other property in the city, and upon an equal basis under the statute it should do. We are of the opinion that the improvement in this case comes within the term "original construction."

A THRIFTY CONGRESSMAN.

Elder P. G. Lester, Who Preaches Occasionally at Laytham Chapel, Formerly Represented a Virginia District.

A Washington correspondent has the following concerning a former member of Congress who has frequently preached at Laytham Chapel near Mayslick: "Posey Green Lester, who represented a Virginia district in Congress for two terms, saved \$20,000 during that period—his entire salary of \$5,000 a year. Mr. Lester is a hardshell Baptist, a bachelor, with nothing that even approaches an extensive estate. When he arrived in Washington he found that the people of his faith were without a preacher. He struck a bargain with them and preached twice a month for his board, living in various private homes. He got his mileage, traveled on passes to and from Washington, turned all his stationery account into cash and his necessary expenses were met with the mileage and stationery money, thus enabling him to save a cool \$20,000 in the four years."

Lecture.

"The Negro—His Whence, His What and Where?" at Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m. Of this the Cynthiana Democrat says: The audience was thoroughly delighted with Mr. Musselman's lecture. The subject was handled with ability and effectiveness that come only from a true knowledge and a perfect understanding of the colored race." Tickets at Dr. Ray's store.

Ringgold Lodge No. 27, I. O. O. F., last night elected these officers for ensuing term:

N. G.—B. B. Allen.
V. G.—Dr. W. S. Yazell.
Secretary—Simon Nelson.
Treasurer—James Childs.
Real Estate Committee—H. L. Newell, W. E. Stallcup, George Schwartz.
Widows' and Orphans' Committee—James Childs, J. L. Daulton.

Meet me at Mills' Edisons, Fountain Square.

The personal estate of the late Jos. H. Brown was appraised at \$2,318.55. The allotment to the widow amounts to \$470.

Buy Old Limestone whisky, deservedly the best.
BUCKNER GOODMAN.

The Chesapeake and Ohio's earnings for November show a net increase of \$2,668.

Hawk's cut glass, Rockwood pottery, fine French china.
CLOONEY & PERRINE'S.

Rev. Father Jones entertained the members of the choir of St. Patrick's Church at a 6 o'clock dinner Wednesday evening.

The dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Calvert at their pleasant home on Tuesday was one of the most enjoyable events of the holidays. The guests were Mrs. Frazee, Hon. Rolla Hart, wife and son, of Flemingsburg, Miss Hall, Mrs. J. L. Caldwell, Dr. Reed and Mr. Stanley Reed, of Maysville, Mrs. Delia Mitchell, Mrs. Hattie Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Ches. Owens and son, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce Calvert, of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Calvert are ever at ease on such happy occasions, and are noted for their gracious hospitality.

At the meeting of the Ladies' Mite Society of the M. E. Church Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Bierbower, the membership contest was closed and the "Blues" declared victors. Some weeks ago, with a view to increasing the number of members and interest in the society, the membership was divided and with Mrs. M. B. Clark as leader of the "Blues" and Mrs. J. H. Richardson leader of the "Reds" a spirited contest for new members began. Both the leader and members of each side worked valiantly, as the total increase of forty-nine members shows. The contest was very close, often both sides being even in the race. When the final count was made, however, the "Blues" won the day and in the near future, according to the agreement made at the beginning of the contest, they will be banqueted by the "Reds."

PERSONAL.

—Dr. L. Brand has returned from Cynthiana.

—Mrs. John Altmeyer is spending the day in Cincinnati.

—Mrs. J. W. Fitzgerald and children are visiting in Augusta.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edgington, of Covington, are here visiting relatives.

—Miss Florence Bradley, of Ashland, is visiting her grandmother at "Cedar Grove."

—Miss Mayme Perkins, of the county, is visiting Miss Amelia Hauck, of Forest avenue.

—Miss Gladys Bradley, of Huntington, W. Va., visited her mother near this city the past week.

—Mr. J. R. Hill has returned to Urbana, O., after spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. J. B. Newton.

—Miss Alice M. Pickett, of Morganville, after visiting Miss Amelia Hauck the past week, has returned home.

—Mr. C. O. McDougall has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDougall at "Riverside" during the holidays.

—Mr. Austin Rosenham Quigley has gone to Louisville to take up the study of medicine at the Hospital College of Medicine.

—Miss Lizzie Chinn, of Mayslick, returns home this afternoon after spending several weeks with relatives in this city and at Oranburg.

—Mr. D. C. Frazee, of Lexington, arrived Wednesday to spend a few days here with relatives. Mrs. Frazee has been here several days.

—Mrs. Buckner Goodman left Wednesday afternoon to attend the Grant-Underwood nuptials that took place last evening at 8 o'clock at Covington.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the postoffice at Maysville, Mason County, Ky., for the week ending Wednesday, December 30, 1903:

Albers, Joe (brakeman) Green, George H.
Bradford, Joseph Greene, A. J.
Bremseth, Halver, McCoy, Mrs. Clory, (colored)
Burnside, R. A. Mitchell, Gordon
Baker, C. P. Munnel, L. J.
Brown, Paul M. Rose, Preston
Chambers, Ben Staton, Mrs. Maria
Est, James Cole Wolf, Henry
Donaldson, Mrs. Rachel Wycor, Matthew
Ellis, Lida Galbraith, D. W.

Persons calling for any of the above will please say advertised.
CLARENCE MATHEWS, P. M.

To-morrow the Announcement! Saturday the Event!

It has been slow work but thorough. We have turned search lights on every stock in the house and Friday we will announce results.

THE STORE WILL BE CLOSED

promptly at 12 m. to-morrow to complete arrangements for our semi-annual Clearance sale which begins Saturday at 9 a. m.

Our ads will be bulletins of economy, if you want to save money, study them.

D. HUNT & SON.

Suits Made to Order

By F. B. Q. Clothing Company "that's totally different." That's one reason we are building your neighbors suits, and building up a good substantial trade.

GEO. H. FRANK & CO.

1904

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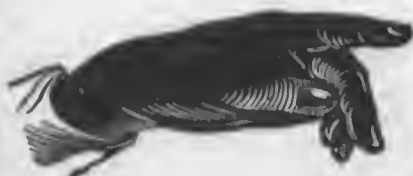
Real Estate, Maysville.

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FAIR WARNING!

Some of the principal prizes awarded in our Christmas distribution remain UNCLAIMED. Certificates drawing these gifts will be void after 8 p. m. Friday, January 1, when another award will be made. Carefully scan the published list, and if you happen to hold any of the lucky numbers, come for your reward.

W. R. SMITH & CO.,
The New Shoe Store.



The "walking delegate" who so cleverly relieved Sheriff Robinson of a couple of coats and impudently sent word to leave a vest to match one of the coats where he could get it, has very generously returned some valuable papers found in a pocket of one of the coats. Jim has his eye on the gentleman and says he will have him landed behind the bars before many moons.

Twenty years ago W. P. Dawson disappeared from his home in Warren county, O. He is brother of Mrs. D. M. Conover of South Ripley who believes he is still living and she has taken up the task of finding him.

Merz Bros. have some very interesting news in this issue. Take advantage of their great linen sale.

**Sale Starts Friday,
January 1st, 1904.**

D. Hechinger & Co.

The same inducements are held out in Overcoats.

≡MERZ BROS≡

THE FINAL SUMMONS.

Mr. J. H. Wood, aged seventy-seven, died Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of his son Robert at Helena, of pneumonia. He had been ill only a few days. He leaves two sons, Robert and Herbert. The funeral will take place Friday at 10 a. m.

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The late James Grimes, of Helena, left an estate valued at \$12,000 which he bequeathed to A. M. and R. K. Ewan, his nephews, excepting \$300 to be paid Clara Trumbo at end of first year; \$300 to Jennie Stone, second year; \$300 to Annie Peed, third year; \$500 to Tom Ewan, fourth year; and a horse and buggy to Mrs. Ben Kirkland. The probating of the will was objected to, and Oscar W. McIntyre was appointed curator.

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for
1904.

J. T. KACKLEY & CO.

Mr. Robert E. Lee, assistant manager of the Palace Hotel, Cincinnati, and one of the most popular hotel men in the Ohio valley, was initiated into order of Eike, this city, last night, with a large number of others.

HEATING

STOVES--RANGES!

All styles, "best on earth," lowest prices, at
W. F. POWER'S.

Yes, Madam,

Our stock of Men's Shoes must be sold, as we are going to discontinue that department. Prices 98c. on up.
Baby Toques 35c., worth 50c.

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SPECIAL—Fine Madras for shirts only 7c., worth 12c.

If You Forgot

To give HIM a Christmas remembrance, why not square yourself New Year's Day by presenting "somebody" with a fine **PEARL-HANDLE POCKET KNIFE?** Not very expensive, and an acceptable gift for man or boy at any time. **THE FRANK OWENS HARDWARE CO.** offers this suggestion and a large stock from which to make a selection. Fine **SCISSORS** and other cutlery---the best makes in the world.

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Muscular Rheumatism
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For Sale by Thomas J. Chenoweth, Druggist.

FAR EASTERN QUESTION.

A War Between Japan and Russia Very Probable.

Washington, Dec. 31.—With war staring his country in the face, Mr. Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister, was as calm as any official in Washington Wednesday night as he sat at his desk at a late hour preparing dispatches for transmission to Tokio, and talked with a press representative of the far eastern crisis.

Having called at the state department and informed the officials of the gravity with which the Tokio government views the situation, Mr. Takahira said Wednesday night he with the other officials of the Japanese foreign service were awaiting the answer of Russia to Japan's last note before making a second communication to the powers.

"You ask me if I think war is inevitable. I can only say that Japan is waiting the arrival of the Russian reply to her last note. Japan will wait as long as circumstances seem to justify, but no longer. We have been prompt in all our propositions and our counter-propositions, and in fact all the steps of our negotiations with Russia."

TO SUCCEED WATERS.

John F. Sawyer, of Minnesota, Receives the Appointment.

Washington, Dec. 31.—John F. Sawyer, of Minnesota, a veteran clerk in the salary and allowance division of the post office department, has been appointed assistant superintendent of

that office, with headquarters in the west, succeeding C. M. Waters, appointed superintendent of the division, to succeed George W. Beavers. Postmaster General Payne is considering the question of reorganizing the division of supplies of the post office department with a view to improving administrative methods generally.

CINCINNATI MAY FESTIVAL.

An Invitation Extended to President Roosevelt to Attend.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senator Foraker Wednesday extended to the president an invitation to attend the Cincinnati musical festival, which is to be held next May. The president said it would afford him great pleasure to be present during the festival, but as yet it was too early for him to say positively whether he would be able to attend. He promised, however, to notify the senator later of his decision.

Fort Marcy Military Reservation, Washington, Dec. 31.—Secretary Hitchcock, with the consent of the president, agreed to donate to Santa Fe, N. M., the abandoned Fort Marcy military reservation, a tract of 17½ acres. The tract lies in the heart of Santa Fe, and is said to be worth \$100,000.

Live Stock.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Heavy steers, choice to extra, \$4.65@5; fair to good, \$4@4.60; butcher steers, extra, \$4.40@4.50; good to choice, \$3.90@4.35; heifers, extra, \$3.85@4; good to choice, \$3.10@3.75; cows, extra, \$3.35@3.50; good to choice, \$2.75@3.25. Calves—Fair to good light, \$6.50@

Buy Your Holiday Perfumes Now!

Don't wait until Christmas week to buy your perfumes. Then the stock has been picked over, and the choicest articles sold. We have taken great care in selecting our stock of perfumes and can show a large selection of

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Central Hotel,

Thursday, January 4th, 1904.

LOST.

LOST—Between \$25 to \$100 to purchasers of pilanes that did not see GERBRICH and buy from him. No reward will be offered, as it is forever lost. Prospective purchasers take warning.

License Notice.

All licenses expire on December 31st and become one on January 1st of each year as follows, with penalty attached for non-compliance:

Dogs.....	\$ 1 00
Auctioneers.....	5 00
Hilliard, Pool and Pigeon-hole Tables.....	25 00
Bowling and Tenpin Alleys.....	25 00
Shooting Gallery.....	100 00
Life and Fire Insurance Agents.....	30 00
Plate Glass and Accident Insurance Agents.....	20 00
Tornado Insurance Agents.....	10 00
Circus and Menageries, per day.....	25 00
Lectures, Operas, Concerts and Plays.....	3 00
Opera houses.....	100 00
Public Dancehouses, per year.....	20 00
Dances, per night.....	5 00
Skating Rinks, Merry-go-rounds, etc., per day.....	2 00
Wholesale Liquor Dealers.....	50 00
Agency for Wholesaling Liquors.....	50 00
Barroom.....	300 00
Druggists.....	50 00
Merchants, Retail.....	150 00
Itinerant Peddlers, temporary residents, per day.....	5 00
Peddling from one-horse wagon.....	4 00
Peddling from two-horse wagon.....	5 00
Foot Peddler, stock of less than \$25, per day.....	2 00
Foot Peddler, stock of \$25, per day.....	3 00
Storage of Petroleum and other Oils, exceeding five barrels.....	10 00
Petroleum, selling from one-horse wagon either at wholesale or retail, to merchant or consumer.....	50 00
Petroleum, selling from two-horse wagon, Cart or dray.....	25 00
One-horse wagon.....	3 00
Two-horse wagon.....	5 00
Four-horse wagon.....	10 00
Astrologers and Fortune Tellers, per day.....	5 00
Hill Posters.....	10 00
Boarding houses, public.....	10 00
Bowie-knives, slung shots, Brass Knives and Dirk-knives.....	50 00
Brokers.....	10 00
Cigarettes.....	20 00
Eating-houses.....	10 00
Hotels.....	10 00
Junk Shops.....	10 00
Laundries.....	20 00
Livery Stables.....	25 00
Lunch Stands.....	10 00
Pistols.....	5 00
Playing cards.....	5 00
Real Estate Agents.....	10 00
Restaurants.....	10 00
Stallions for breeding.....	10 00
Scales on Private Property for compensation.....	10 00
Scales upon Streets.....	25 00

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W. HOLT KEY, Agent.

Mr. Arthur Cunningham has taken up his residence in Maysville.

SANTA CLAUS' DREAM OF DAN COHEN:

Old Santa Clause pondered and scratched his head:
"What good thing can I do for Maysville?" he said.

"The people there are good and they're true;
They deserve something fine and something new."
So he thought and planned with emotion deep,
Till at last, so weary, he fell asleep.

The wind howled and whistled and fast fell the snow;
The people of Maysville appeared in a row,
Marching two by two, rich and poor, young and old,
With feet bare and freezing and bleeding with cold.
To the sole of a foot there was never a shoe;
They begged Santa Claus' pity for even a few.
His eyes filled with tears, he awoke with a start,
And wondered what angel had entered his heart.

He sprang to his feet, danced and shouted with glee
"I'll send Dan Cohen to Maysville," quoth he.

"A gift better far than a Christmas tree—
A blessing perpetual he surely will be;
Oh, better, much better, than gay Christmas tree!
He shall furnish them shoes so good and so cheap
That careworn mothers will cease to weep
Over barefooted girls and barefooted boys.
He shall offer them something far better than toys—
Shoes for the young and shoes for the old,
For shy little girls and big brothers bold,
For little and big and all the 'betweens,'
By the hand of his Manager, W. H. MEANS."